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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 — 9

P/ ellejor **Part B.** for Jebruary 02

SUBJECT.

Escape of prisoners Gourdiah & Jawara from ellerysone jail

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1 From, the S of Jone D No 6561 / No 1
D 745
to / 20.11.01

Forwards copy of No 33 of 18.11.01 from
Supdt ellerysone jail reporting the escape
from the jail, Gourdiyo & Jawara inst.

2. To, the S of Jone
the S of Police & No 851c-12 D / 42
the Supdt of ellerysone D 191

G. R. S. 58 Requests to issue necessary
instructions to their Subordinate
to re capture the prisoners.

From the I g of Police D. No 7968
L. No 219 219 D/ 20.12.01 J 917

Reports the re-capture of Govindayya at Anakapalle

From the I g of Prisons D. No 8085
L. No 1673 J D/ 26.12.01 J 927

Reports the re-capture of Govindayya

To, the I. g of Prisons
the ——— Police No 11266-7 J 910 D/ 7.1.02

Records the above with the observation that steps should be taken to capture the other who is at large.

From the I. g of Police D. No 8591
L. No 3170 232 D/ 7.1.02 J 970

Reports that the ~~other~~ convicts were also arrested yesterday.

From the I. g of Police D. No 8654
L. No 236 D/ 10.1.02 J 987

Reports that the convicted prisoners were re-captured but another

From the I. g of Prisons D No 10102
L No 137 J D/ 28.1.02 J 1208

Submits a detailed report in connection with the escape of the two prisoners from the Ellapore Jail

To, the I. g of Prisons
the Computer No 13475-80 J 1135 D/ 14.2.02

Orders to remit the jailor Veeraraghavayya as by jailor, to stop his 1 Day jailor Ramakrishnaiah's annual increments until further orders & to fine them

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

P.J.

FILE No. 24-P.J.

S.R.O. No.

The D.S. of Prisons sends a detailed report as to the circs connected with the escape of condemned prisoner Govinda who has since been recaptured.

In the last para of his letter, the D.S. asks the sanction of Govt. to the carrying out of the death sentence passed on Govinda by the Sessions Court. I do not think such sanction is necessary and it is for the Jail Authorities to carry out the sentence in due course in accordance with law.

In para 4, the D.S. states that the Superintendent is open to censure for having allowed the jail discipline to become lax. Some notice of this in our order seems necessary.

In other matters, the D.S. has himself taken the necessary action, and Govt. may perhaps ~~[illegible]~~ express their general approval.

The other prisoner Jayaram has, I note, not yet been

recaptured -

V

6.2.02.

The neglecting of rule 140 is a serious matter, and I am not quite sure whether the punishment awarded is not too lenient for such gross neglect of duty. The laxity also shd be noticed in our order.

The Condemned prisoner is (as a matter of course) liable to be tried for the offence, but in this case nothing is gained thereby. The sentence may be directed to be carried out.

Submitted to the 3rd Councillor

7/2/1902

7/2/02
(70).

Justice Richards
Mr Justice Wetherell
is the jury in either
case Criminal
Circumstances also
suspended for 3 years
1/2 months fine.
Mr Justice Jenkins fines
1/2 months pay and
his good conduct
is suspended
Inspector conducted
himself to censure
further suspension
The sentences passed
by the C. Court may
be executed not
at once but be modified
to prevent the
prisoner undergoing
the hanging.
H.E. may be
requested to cancel
my estimate
in connection
with the E. Engineering
Department the
Jail with a wall.
other points do not

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

draft submitted
N/2/02

Note 4 (11)

Letter No 262 J dated 25th February 1902, from the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore

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In Govt order No 13479-80 dated 14th 1135 J. February 1902, it was directed that the sentence of death passed on the Condemned prisoner Gowda, might be executed. In the letter above referred to, the Inspector General of Prisons enquires whether the Condemned prisoner Gowda may be allowed the privilege of submitting a memorial to Her Highness the Maharani-Regent of Mysore or not. If the privilege is granted the

the execution of the
Sentence has to be
suspended pending orders
on the memorial.
Memorials are usually
submitted through the
Chief Secretary. ~~The~~
Submitted for orders

RP
26/3/02 In my humble
opinion the execution of
sentences passed by Courts
is not a matter in which Govt
can give any instructions to the Jail authorities
under S. 381 of the Cr. Pro.
Code, it is for the Court of
Session to cause a sentence
of death to be carried
into effect by issuing a warrant
or taking such other steps as
may be necessary. The
Jail Supdt. may be asked
to communicate with the
~~District~~ Sessions Judge and to take
instructions from him.
There are no standing
orders, (so far as I know,
& from ~~the~~ enquiries at the Sec.
Court), relating to the suspension
of capital sentences in the
case of persons wishing to
memorialise to Govt. except,
of course S. 401 of the Cr. Pro. Code -
& as a matter of practice,

the Chief Constable usually directs temporary suspension when forwarding memorials to L.C.

24.2.02

Say that ~~for instance~~ ~~first~~ S.C. referred to the ~~first~~. has nothing ~~today~~ do with the time or manner in which the Sentence of the Court should be carried out, and was meant to say only that the incident of escape and recapture may not be considered a bar to the execution. If any directions beyond those in the Cr. Pr. Code & the Rules of Practice shd be required, appln shd be made to the Sessns Judge of the Sh. Court.

Draft submd
27/4/02

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SUBJECT Escape of 2 Condemned Prisoners from Mysore Jail

FILE No. 2d-61 Offg

SERIAL No. 1

From Lt-Col. J. Smyth. M.D. I.M.S. Offg: Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore

To H. V. Nanjundiah Esq. M.A. M.L. Secretary to the Government of Mysore. Genl & Rev Department. Bangalore

Dated 20th November 01.

Despatched

Received

General No. 1548

No.

Enclosure No. one

Reports the escape of 2 Condemned prisoners from the Mysore Jail on the 18th November 1901.

To the 3rd Councillor -

The further report may be awaited

27/11

27/11/01 (45)

Submitted to the Secretary in the matter of Despatch

3/12

Submitted to the Secretary

4/12/1901

Submitted to Councillor

6.12.01

6.12.01

Rec'd 4.12.01 2573

This is a very serious matter - & no effort should be spared to arrest the two men at large - Send special instructions to Superintendent of Police & Deputy Commissioner Mysore. The report promised of further enquiry also into the conduct of

Jail Officers & arrangements

5.12.01

Ale-B.

Rec'd 22.11.01

Submitted.

22-11-01

Submitted.

May this await the receipt of the further report promised?

22/11/01

23/11/01

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From

Lt.-Colonel J.Smyth M.V., I.M.S.,

Offg: Inspector General of Prisons

in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

M.V.Manjundayya Esqr: M.A. M.L.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore

Dated 20th November 1901.

No. /548/J

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 339 dated 18th Instant, from the Superintendent, Mysore Jail, reporting the escape from the said Jail on the 18th Idem, of condemned prisoners Nos. 5371 and 5372 Gowdayya and Javaroyi respectively and to state that a further report will be submitted on receipt of the same from the Superintendent of the Mysore Jail after investigation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Personal Assistant

For Offg: Inspector General of Prisons.

T.C.J.

From

P.S.Achyuta Rao Esqr:

Superintendent, Mysore Jail.

To

Lt.-Colonel J.Smyth M.D., I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.

Dated 18th November 1901.

General No.539.

Sir,

The Jailor sent me information early this morning at 3 A.M. that condemned prisoners No.5371 Gowdiah and No.5372 Javaroyi sentenced to be hanged in Mysore Sessions case No.11 of 1900-01 escaped from the Jail between midnight and 2 A.M. this day the 18th November 1901.

The usual report to the Police and the District Magistrate was at once made and I held a minute enquiry into the circumstances of the case and elicited the following:-

Convict Warders Krishna Jetty Bale Sab and Maduray were on guard by turns over the condemned prisoners during the night and 1st grade warder Khasim Sheriff was overseeing the convict guard inside the Jail.

First grade warder Cheluva was in charge of the guard outside the gate. The guard on the side the prisoners effected their esacpe was kept by Sheikh Hyder, Basava and Mada. Basava was on the watch at the time the prisoners escaped.

The prisoners were as usual locked in at 6 P.M. in the presence of the Deputy Jailor who says that he satisfied himself that the locks had been properly put on. The convict warders state that as each passed on the charge to the succeeding man he satisfied himself that the prisoners were in their cells and that the locks had been properly put on.

It was raining hard between 12 midnight and early morning and the two prisoners Gowdiah and Javaroyi under cover of darkness effected their escape.

I satisfied myself that one of the two locks must have been opened by a false or duplicate key and the other picked by an iron hook or some such implement.

I am convinced that the prisoners must have been planning their escape for sometime and that they must have got material aid from within the Jail. How this aid was obtained and who gave it to them has to be ascertained and due investigation will be made.

I have suspended 1st grade warder Khasim Sheriff, Basava and contingent warder Sheikh Waheed and convict warders Madural Base Sab and Krishna Setty have been deprived of their warder-ships. These 3 last were on duty for the past seven days. In regard to the portion of the blame that may have to be apportioned to other officers of the Jail I shall report later on. The Police have been investigating the case.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) P.T.Achuta Rao

Superintendent

Mysore Jail.

"C O P Y"

Personal Assistant

for Offg: Inspector General of Prisons.

T.C.C.

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Read:-

SECTION Pol-I

FILE No. 24-01

SER II No. 2

Letter No. 1548 dated the 20th November 1901, from the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, reporting the escape of 2 condemned prisoners noted in the margin from the Mysore jail on the night of the 18th idem.

1. Yamunah No: 5371
2. Jawarayi " 5372

Order thereon. No. 8510/13 7901 7-12-01.

Govt observe that this is a very serious matter and no effort should be spared to rearrest the prisoners in question who are now at large.

The Inspector General of Police and the District Magistrate,

Typed 9/12/01

Mysore, are requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinate officers and Police to recapture the prisoners.

The report promised by the Inspector General of Prisons regarding ~~this~~ further investigation into the conduct of the gaol officers to whose ~~=~~ negligence the escape of the prisoners is due, should be expedited

6.12.07

for Secretary.

Draft order]

Subd. to 3rd Class officer.
6.12.07

To
The I.G. of Prisons in Mysore
& I.G. of Police in Mysore
& Dist Magte, Mysore —

Issued.
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9/12/07
(194) 9/12/07

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SECTION 24 J

FILE No. 24-01

SERIAL No. 3

FROM 7968 23-XI-1901

OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE, GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

Dated 20th December 1901.

Despatched 21st Dec 1901.

Received

General No. 2917

No. 219

Enclosure No. Nil

Reporting that one Gowdiah, who was sentenced to be hanged, was executed at Arakere in the Seringapatam Tk, on the 19th Dec 1901.

2nd

25-12-01

H.C.A.

23-12-01.

The recommendation quoted was subject to the 3rd formality for perusal

HGCPL—5-3-01-1000

Put up J7 B.S.P. 7900 on 9.12.01

2nd

23/12/01

Submitted. Please see.

Mr. Mysore Secretariat

22.12.01

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

No. 2919/219 Dated. Bangalore 20 December 1901

Enc. Nil

From B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar Esquire

Offg ~~THE~~ INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To H. V. Nanjundiah. M.A. M.L.

~~THE~~ SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No: 8510-12/J791 of the 7th December 1901 directing that every endeavour should be made to re-arrest Gowdiga sentenced to be hanged, I beg to report that he was arrested yesterday at Ara-Kére in the Seerangapatna Talug.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient servant,

B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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26-XII-01

1927

From Lt. Col. P. H. Benson Dy. B. I. Mg.
Insp.r-Gen.l of Prisons
in Mysore.

SERIAL No. 4

To H. V. Nanjundayya Esq.r M. A.
M. L.
Secy. to Govt. Genl. & Rev. Depts.

Dated 26th December 1901.

Despatched

Received

General No. 1673
No. T

Enclosure No. 1.

Reports the recapture of one of the condemned prisoners that escaped from the Mysore Jail on the 18th Novr. 1901, by name Gowdiah.

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26.XII.01

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From

Lt. Colonel P. A. Benson Dn B. S. Dn C.
Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore
Bangalore.

To

A. V. Ranjundayya Esqr. Dn. A. Dn. C.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments
Bangalore.

No: 1673 Encl: 1.
Dated 26th December 1901.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No: 1548/J dated 20th November 1901 and with reference to Government Proceedings No: 8510-12/J.791 dated 7th December 1901, I have the honor to forward copy of letter No: 1129 dated 23rd Instant from the Superintendent, Mysore Jail, reporting the recapture of Gowdiah one of the two condemned prisoners that escaped from the said jail on the 18th November 1901.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Lt. Colonel D. Dn C.
Inspector General of Prisons.

From

Dr. P. S. Achyuta Rao
Superintendent
Mysore Jail.

To

Colonel P. H. Benson Dn. B. S. Dn. & Co.
Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore
Bangalore.

Dated 23rd December 1901.
General No: 429.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that of the two condemned prisoners that escaped from this jail on the night of the 17th November 1901 one Gowdiah was re-captured by the Police and brought back to the jail on the 21st December 1901, and to request for instructions if the sentence of execution passed on him might be now carried out.

I have &c.
(Signed) P. S. Achyuta Rao
Superintendent
Mysore Jail.

Copy
Benson Lt. Colonel
Lt. Colonel I. M. S.
Inspector General of Prisons.

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Read:-

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FILE No. 24-P

SER II No. 5

Letter No: 2919/219 dated the 20th December 1901, from the I.G. of Police in Mysore, reporting that of the two convicted prisoners who escaped from the Mysore jail on the night of the 17th Nov 1901, one Govdiah was rearrested at Arakere in the Seringapatam Taluk on the 19th December 1901.

2. Letter No. 1673/J dated the 26th December 1901, from the I.G. of Prisons in Mysore, intimating the above. ~~and enquiring whether the sentence of execution passed on him may be carried out.~~ Order

Order therein · No. 1266/67/910 § 7-1-02 -

Recorded

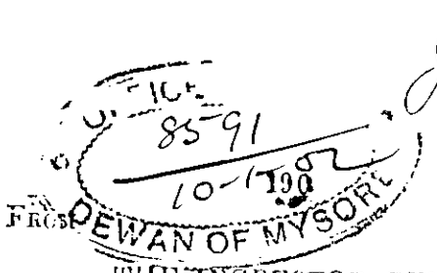
2. Steps should be taken to capture the other who is still at large.

Secretary

To The D.G. of Police.

w/Bo — Quinos -

SM
3-1-02



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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

FILE No. 24-01 To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

Dated 7th January 1902

Despatched

Received

General No. 3170

No. 232

Enclosure No. Nil

Reporting that the action
Condemned person Javaraya
was also arrested yesterday

10.1.02

MGCPL--5-3-01-1000

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

No. DATED Bangalore 9th January 1902

Enc.

FROM

B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar Esqr.

Offg INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To N. C. Nanjundayya Esqr. M.A, M.L.

SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,

in the GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

SIR,

With reference to Govt: Order No- 11266-67/J910 of the 7th January 1902 directing the discovery of the other condemned person also, I beg to report that he (Javaraye) was also arrested yesterday.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

Offg: Inspector General of Police

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8654
11-1-02 1901/1902.
FROM:

2987

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

P & J

To

FILE No. 24-01 — THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

SERIAL No. 7

Dated 10.th January 1902.

Despatched

Received Camp Mysore.

General No. 236
No.

Enclosure No.

Reporting that convict
Javari was not
~~[illegible]~~
but another.
recaptured,
~~[illegible]~~

Jud
11.1.02

MGCPL—5-3-01-1000

Subd
May be filed
11/1/02

SW
10-1-02

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 236 Dated. Mysore 10th January 1902.

Enc.

From

B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar Esqr.
Offg. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To H. V. Nanjundayya Esqr. M.A, B.L.
SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
in the GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of yesterday reporting that the other of the two persons condemned in connection with the murder of Bettiya,- viz, Javari,- had also been recaptured, I beg to state that it is a mistake.- It is not Javari that was captured, but one of the three that had been acquitted in the same case by the Sessions Judge, but had on appeal been sentenced by the Chief Court to transportation for life.- Of the latter three,

one

one had already been captured.— Thus

there are 2 more of this case still at

large.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. K. Denhardt

Offg: Inspector General of Police

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From

Lt. Col. Percy A. Bowen Dn. B. I. Dn. R.
Inspr. Genl. of Prisons in Mysore.

To

H. V. Ranjundiah Esqr. Dn. A. Dn. L.
Secy. to Govt.
Genl. & Revl. Depttto
Bangalore.

Dated 28th January 1902.

Despatched 31st January 1902.

Received

General No. 137

No. 7

Enclosure No. 1 file of correspondence.

Submits a detailed report in connection with the escape of the two condemned prisoners from the Mysore Jail &ca.

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Submitted for orders.

6/2/02

6/2/02.

From

Lt.-Colonel Percy.H.Benson M.B., I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons in Mysc

Bangalore.

To

H.V.Manjundayya Esqr: M.A. M.L.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

No. 137 Encl: 1 file of correspondence.

Dated 28th January 1902.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office No.1548 dated 20th November 1901 and this Office No.1673 dated 26th December 1901, reporting the re-capture of one of the condemned prisoners, I have the honor to state that I went to Mysore with the purpose of trying to elicit further information regarding the escape, but I regret I was unable to obtain anything beyond what has already been recorded. The condemned prisoner Gowdiah who has been re-cap--tured on being cross examined by the Police Superintendent and Jail Superintendent in his statement herein enclosed, admitted that he opened the brass pad-lock by means of nail, and as long needles and nails were found in the Ticket Warder's Barracks; it is highly probable that the Convict Warder Guard Sankara-krishna Jetty supplied the prisoner with one of them.

(2.) I attribute the cause of the escape of the two condemned prisoners to:-

(1) Laxity of supervision on the part of the Jailor and Deputy Jailor.

(2) Actual connivance on the part of Jail Warder Cheluva, and Convict Warder Guard Sankarakrishna Jetty.

(3) To insecure pad locks used.

(4) To the general insecurity of the Jail itself.

With

Inspector District Magistrate's Memo No: 3 dated 24th January 1901 with 2 enclosures.
Letter No: 394 dated 13th December 1901 from the Supdt. Mysore Jail with 3 enclosures.
Letter No: 395 dated 14th December 1901 from the Supdt. Mysore Jail.
Letter No: 447 dated 28th December 1901 from the Supdt. Mysore Jail with 1 enclosure.
(to be obligingly returned).

With reference to No.1, it will be seen from the correspondence herewith submitted that neither the Jailor nor Deputy Jailor ever took the trouble to see what was going on in the Jail between sun set and sun rise. Moreover the prisoners were not hand cuffed, which is the invariable custom in the Central Jail, when prisoners are condemned, and both the Jailor and Deputy Jailor are well acquainted with the practice in vogue in the Central Jail. Rule 140 Mysore Jail Manual lays down that "every such prisoner shall be confined in a cell apart from all other prisoners and shall be placed by day and by night under the charge of a special guard". This Rule was neglected.

The Jailor moreover employed as a Warder a Convict, Shaik Baday, who was an habitual criminal, and whom the Inspector General of Prisons declined to make a Convict Warder Guard.

The Superintendent passed the order of the Inspector General regarding this Convict Warder on to the Jailor with the order "do the needful" vide this Office docket No.1428/J dated 4th October 1901 which the Jailor not only failed to carry out, but placed him as a Warder Guard over the condemned prisoners.

That there was actual connivance on the part of Jail Warder Cheluva and Convict Warder Guard Sankarakrishna Jetty is I think clearly proved by the Superintendent in his letter No. 395 dated 14th December 1901. I am also inclined to think that Jail Warder Kassim Sheriff though he did not actually connive, was a party to it by absenting himself on the night of the escape, and so allowing Jail Warder Cheluva every opportunity to give active assistance to the prisoners.

That the locks employed on the cells were insecure is proved by the fact that escaped Convict Gowdiah on being recaptured readily opened the locks with a nail. New and reliable (chubb) padlocks have since been provided for the use of the cells.

With reference to the general insecurity of the Jail, there can be no doubt about it. I remember when I was Superintendent,

two prisoners effected their escape in a similar manner from the same cells and without the connivance of the Warders. The roofs of all the buildings in the Jail are of the terrace pat-tern, and are so low, that there is no difficulty in getting up on to them, and once up, they can get down wherever they like, as there is no enclosing wall to the Jail.

(3) The conduct of both the Jailor, Mr. McGuire and the Deputy Jailor, are open to grave censure. The former is in my opinion absolutely unfitted to hold the responsible charge of a Jailor. I consider that he should be fined half a month's pay, and that his yearly increment be sus-pended until further orders, and, that he revert to the Central Jail as Deputy Jailor. Mr.Coelho as Deputy Jailor is also fined half month's pay, and I recommend that the yearly increment to his pay of Rs.2-8-0 be suspended until such a time as the Superintendent may consider him worthy of it.

(4) Though no actual blame can accrue to the Superintendent, he is responsible for the maintenance of proper discipline within the Jail, and I am inclined to think that he has allowed it to get somewhat lax, as although he ordered the Jailor to give effect to the orders of the Inspector General regarding the non-employment of Shaik Baday as a Convict Warder Guard, he did not take the trouble to satisfy himself that his orders had been carried out. Such being the case I consider he is open to cen-sure, and he will be accordingly warned that the discipline of the Jail be rigidly enforced in the future.

(5) Special precautions for guarding prisoners in the cells have been taken by erecting a sentry box in the immediate proximity of the cells so that there is always a guard on the spot. Jail Warder Cheluva and Convict Warder Sankarakrishna Jetty should in my opinion be prosecuted before a Magistrate, and orders to that effect have been issued. On receipt of the Proceedings of the trial their case will be dealt with depart-mentally in the event of their not being convicted.

(6) The re-captured Convict Gowdiah has not in his evidence

implicated

implicated any one, but this is not to be expected and as nothing further is likely to be got out of him I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to the carrying out at an early date of the sentence of death passed on him by the Chief Court.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lt.-Colonel, I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons.

T.C.G.

Draft as per ord:-

SECTION P & J

FILE NO. 24-01

SER'AL NO. 9

Read:- correspondence ending with letter No. 137/J dated 28th January 1892, from the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, submitting a detailed report in connection with the escape of two condemned prisoners from the Mysore jail

No. 1347 9/80 J.1135 J 14-202 Encl: one file

Order thereon: J 14-202

~~In the above too~~ The Inspector General attributes ~~the cause of the escape~~ of the two condemned prisoners ~~is attributable~~ to the following causes.

(1) Laxity of supervision ~~on the part of the~~ The jailor and deputy jailor who were in supervising and had ~~have~~ neglected to observe the Rule 140 of the Mysore jail manual, which requires that every ~~con~~ condemned prisoner ~~doomed~~ should be confined in a cell apart from all other prisoners and should be placed both by day and by

up under me charge
of a special guard. There
was actual
2) ~~Actual~~ connivance
on the part of the jail
Warder Chelvia and
convict Warder Guard
Lankarakrishna jetty;
and the
3) ~~No~~ padlock
were so insecure
used ~~as proved by~~ the
~~fact~~ that the escaped
convict Gowdiah on
being recaptured readily
opened them ~~locks~~ with a
nail.
premises
4) ~~No~~ the general ~~insecure~~
moreover ~~both~~ so insecure,
of the jail, ~~itself~~ the
roofs ~~of~~ of all the build-
-ings therein being of the
terrace pattern, and so
low that there is no dif-
-ficulty for anyone
on ~~to~~ them and getting down
wherever they like, in the absence of a
~~is no~~ enclosing wall.
to the jail

2. Govt concur with
the Inspector Genl in his
opinion
remarks that the conduct
of both the jailor, Mr
Mc Guire and the Dy. Jailor
Mr Coelho, are open to
grave censure and that
the former is absolutely

unfit to hold the responsible charge of a jailor. As recommended by the Superintendent, the jailor will be reverted as Deputy jailor, his annual increment will be stopped until further orders and he will be fined half month's pay. The Deputy jailor, Mr Coelho, will be fined half a months' pay and his yearly increment will be suspended until further orders. The Superintendent is also open to censure for lax supervision on his part, and he will be hoped that the discipline of the jail be rigidly enforced in future.

3. The Sentence of hanging passed by the Chief Court on the recaptured Convict Govindah, may be executed, as it would be useless to prosecute him for the latter offence. The former Sentence to be hanged. The result of the trial of jail warder Chelewa and convict Warder Lankarakrishna Petty should

should be reported for the information ~~and~~ ~~orders~~ of Govt.

4. The Inspector General is requested to send up an estimate in communication with the Executive Engineer, for enclosing the jail with a wall.

5. The other points referred to in the letter read above, do not call for any remarks as the Inspector General is competent to deal with them himself except that the Superintendent should have seen that good locks were furnished for use in the cells instead of those flimsy ones which afforded facility to the convicts to escape easily.

By order,
11.2.02

Secretary

To. The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore returning enclosures.
The Comptroller, Mg.

9 than half a month's pay
to execute the sentence passed
upon Sowdhuyya & requests the
S. J. of Peace to appoint the services of
the third jail Warder Chilwa,
D. S. Jeffrey & to send up an estimate
for the enclosing the jail with
a wall & to see that good locks
were furnished for use in the cells

Enclosed.

N. B Thimmanna

Peace